Special Cell in CBI for Scams

1420. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has been asked in inquire into the unaccounted purchase worth Rs. 1200 crores made through DGS&D by the Road Construction and Public Health Engineering Department in Bihar ;

(b) whether the CBI is over-burdened at present in dealing with scams ;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to set up a special cell to look into the scams operting in the country at present; and

(d) if so, by when this cell is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. since requirements of the CBI are carefully assessed and sanctioned whenever found justified.

(c) and (d) In view of the (b) above, do not arise.

Review of Heavy Water Plants

1421. SMT. JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of heavy water plants in the country ;

(b) if so, the production of heavy water during the last three years, plant-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for the poor performance if any, of Talcher heavy water plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Heavy Water being a strategic material, it is not in the national interest to disclose the figures of actual production.

(c) It has not been possible to achieve a satisfactory level of production from the Talcher Heavy Water Plant as an uninterrupted supply of the feed stock (ammonia synthesis gas) in the required quantity, and of the required specifications was not available from the fertilizer plant of M/s. Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited, with which the Heavy Water Plant is integrated.

Land for New Maharashtra Sadan in Delhi

1422. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has been requesting the Central Government for more than ten years to hand over "SIRMUR PLOT" on Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi, so that a new Maharashtra Sadan could be constructed; if so, the reasons for delay in handing over the plot; and

(b) what are the guidelines on transfer of properties in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes Sir. The Sirmur Plot was taken by the Central Government in 1943 from the then Baroda Darbar and since then it is with the Central Government. This plot is required by the Central Government for its own use and as such cannot be returned to the Government of Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra has been offered 1.5 acres